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were purchased in Tokyo at an expense of 5,000 yen. It is a pity that the attack on these animals, which are exceedingly plentiful in Japan, was not longer maintained.

Respectfully,
STUART ELDRIDGE, M. D.,
Acting Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S., Sanitary Inspector.
The SURGEON GENERAL,
U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.

End of plague in Japan.

KOBE, JAPAN, *February 22, 1900.*

SIR: I have the honor to inform you that the plague in Japan is now entirely stamped out, no case having occurred for over two months in this ken (district) and for nearly two months in the Osaka ken. The health of this port and surrounding district is better now than has been the case for some years past, due to the thorough cleansing and sanitation enforced by the authorities.

Respectfully,
J. BUCKWILL FOWLER,
Acting Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.
The SURGEON-GENERAL,
U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.

NETHERLANDS.

Report from Rotterdam.

ROTTERDAM, NETHERLANDS, *March 8, 1900.*

SIR: I have the honor to make the following report for the five days ended March 3, 1900:

Four vessels were inspected and received bills of health. Of these, the steamship *Statendam*, of the Holland-American Line, was the only one carrying passengers. She sailed on the 1st instant for New York via Boulogne-sur-Mer, carrying 39 cabin and 346 steerage passengers. One hundred and sixty-five pieces of baggage were inspected and labeled and 65 pieces were disinfected and labeled.

The health of this port continues good.

Respectfully,
A. R. THOMAS,
Passed Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.
The SURGEON-GENERAL,
U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.

PORTO RICO.

Reports from Ponce.

PONCE, PORTO RICO, *February 26, 1900.*

SIR: I have the honor to transmit herewith the quarantine and abstract bills of health reports for the week ended February 24, 1900, also the mortality statistics for the two weeks of the same date.

The death rate from tuberculosis and digestive diseases, especially that due to improper and insufficient food, continues high.

Respectfully,
W. W. KING,
Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.
The SURGEON-GENERAL,
U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.